



**State of Arizona
Department of Education**

Tom Horne
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

April 10, 2009

Re: Arizona English Language Proficiency Standards Revision Committee

Dear Fellow Educator and/or Community Member:

The Office of English Language Acquisition Services (OELAS) invites you to participate in a vitally important task. OELAS, with the assistance of the Southwest Comprehensive Center, is undertaking the revision of the current Arizona English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS).

OELAS invites you to participate as a member of the "*Arizona English Language Proficiency Standards Revision Committee*." Your professional expertise and knowledge would be of great benefit to us during this process. We would appreciate it if you can devote time to this effort, which is for the ultimate educational benefit of Arizona's English Language Learners. A bi-monthly schedule is anticipated at this time, with approximately six meetings taking place over the course of the year.

If you choose to accept, please fill out the attached application and return to Kathi Montoya by fax at: 602-542-3050 or by e-mail: Kathi.montoya@azed.gov by Friday, April 24, 2009. An application is also available at: www.azed.gov/oelas

Should circumstances prevent you from being involved in this endeavor, we would appreciate any recommendations that you can offer; please provide those to Ms. Montoya. If you have any questions, our Director of Monitoring, Leann Gilbreath, can assist you at: 602-364-1694 or Leann.Gilbreath@azed.gov

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Stollar, Jr.", enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

John A. Stollar, Jr.
Associate Superintendent for Accountability
Office of English Language Acquisition Services